

Lebanon protests to U.N.

UNITED-NATIONS, March 15 (AP) — Lebanon protested to the United Nations Wednesday against the Israeli invasion, disclaimed responsibility for the Palestinian raid into Israel that prompted it and reserved the right to seek a Security Council meeting of the invasion. Lebanese U.N. Ambassador Ghassan Tueni, in a letter he handed Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, accused Israel of "naked aggression" in the post-midnight incursion. Israel said it aimed to clear Palestinian guerrillas away from the border. He said Lebanon "vehemently deplores this aggression and protests strongly against it." However, he said, Lebanon "had no connection with the commando operation on the road between Haifa and Tel Aviv or with any other commando operations."

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Moscow calls attack "bandit sally"

MOSCOW, March 15 (R) — The Soviet Union today branded the Israeli attack on southern Lebanon as a "bandit sally", made possible by the connivance of supporters in Washington. The official news agency Tass also linked the attack with Egypt's policy of direct settlement negotiations with Tel Aviv, saying it had untied Israel's hands in the Sinai desert. Israel had launched the invasion on Lebanon "in order to occupy the southern part of that country", Tass said. "Israel's aggression against Lebanon became possible in the first place because of American military aid and Washington supporters' connivance with Israel", the agency said.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

Somalia completes pull-out of regular troops from Ogaden

MOGADISHU, March 15 (Agencies) — The Somali government said last night it has completed the withdrawal of regular Somali forces from the Ogaden war.

The announcement from the Information Ministry, which did not disclose the number of regulars involved, came less than a week after the ruling Socialist Revolutionary Party said it was ordering the pullback because of super power pressures on the government.

The Somali Democratic Republic officially declares that with effect from today ... it has completed the withdrawal of its armed forces units from the "conflict area," the announcement said.

The announcement also called on the big powers to fulfill their undertakings to find a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

Kenya's foreign minister Muyuna Walyaid said, during a meeting with Ethiopia's Ambassador to Kenya, Menelik Desta yesterday, that African nations are not interested in pursuing the issue of national boundaries that divide ethnically related populations all over the continent.

If the question of altering existing frontiers was pursued, he warned, "It would open up a Pandora's Box which could result in international war and thus destroy the unity of the Organisation of African Unity and the idea of a strong African continent."

Meanwhile Eritrean rebels said today that Ethiopian government forces had launched a major offensive to break out of the besieged provincial capital of Asmara.

A spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) told Reuters that rebel units had pushed back government forces towards the city in fierce fighting that started yesterday.

King visits troops



His Majesty King Hussein greets troops of the 12th Division in northern Jordan during a tour of military units Wednesday evening. Earlier the King met with Prime Minister Mudar Barham, who is also Defence Minister, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker, Chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and top ranking military commanders in the Army Headquarters. Sharif Zeid accompanied King Hussein on his tour of the north where he was briefed by the commander of the 12th Division.

Begin says objectives of attack achieved

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 15 (R) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin said tonight Israel had achieved the objectives of its massive strike against Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebanon by nightfall.

He was addressing a news conference after a special cabinet meeting to hear reports on the Israeli assault.

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ght an agreement whereby Palestinian guerrillas thrown out of southern Lebanon today would never return there.

Israeli forces would not remain permanently in southern Lebanon but would stay until such an agreement was reached, he said.

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Asked how the operation might affect Middle East peace talks, Mr. Begin said: "If Egypt wants negotiations with Israel for a peace agreement then all those events should not present an obstacle to achieving such an agreement and maintaining it."

Massive Israeli assault on Lebanon civilian death toll

BEIRUT, March 15 (Agencies) — At least 40 people died today in Israeli bombing raids on a crowded settlement beside Beirut airport as a vast Israeli invasion by land, sea and air spread from the area along the border with Israel to the heartland of Lebanon.

The toll was given by rescue workers in the Ozai area, a narrow strip of low-cost houses, restaurants and shops running parallel to the main runway of the airport.

Reliable Palestinian sources said that 35 people had been killed by Israeli strafing on the southern port of Tyre, the main channel of weapons supplies to Palestinian commandos in southern Lebanon.

The sources said the dead included a number of children. The strafing runs had hit the commercial centre of the port.

Most of the seafront district was flattened by repeated bombing runs by Israeli Phantom jets. A heavy stench spread over the area as rescue workers were digging through the rubble.

But some had given up hope. They included Abdul-Hamid, a 45-year-old labourer who grabbed at his bleeding hands, his fingernails ripped off in frantic attempts to dig through a solid slab of cement.

"Under there," he mumbled dazedly, "is my son. He was eight this morning."

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Mr. Weizman said he hoped Egypt would not decide to terminate the peace negotiations with Israel.

General Gur told reporters: "When the operation is over Lebanon will again be one of the quietest countries in the Middle East."

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Symposium urges women be allowed to stand in municipal polls

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

SALT, March 15 — The Zarqa and Madaba Municipalities Symposium ended today with calls for mayors and municipal councils to be elected by public ballot and for women to be allowed the right to vote and to stand as candidates in municipal elections.

The two-day symposium, the latest in a series being held in governorates throughout the Kingdom this year, also recommended that all permanent residents of municipalities who are Jordanian citizens over 18 years of age be allowed to vote in municipal elections.

Mr. Asem Ghosheh, who represented the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs at the symposium, told the Jordan Times today that the keynote for

the series of municipal symposiums is decentralisation and pooling of regional resources to deal with regional problems, a theme propounded by His Majesty King Hussein last April.

This should secure local participation in running the affairs of the municipalities. Municipalities are being encouraged to choose, plan and finance their own projects. The ministry, Mr. Ghosheh said, will step in to provide advice and expertise or to supervise implementation when asked to do so. The idea is to reduce big government interference, increase the relevance of municipal projects and provide incentives for local participation.

Another dominant theme is regional cooperation. The idea is to encourage smaller villages and towns to get together and form joint councils that will provide common public services. In this way several villages may share one clinic or one school, for instance, cutting down costs, avoiding duplication of efforts and improving quality at the same time.

The idea for this arose in the first such symposium in Irbid last September, Mr. Ghosheh said. Four such councils in Irbid and one in Jarash have already been formed and have started to operate.

The Zarqa and Madaba symposium also recommended the formation of joint councils for public services in the two governorates.

In addition, it recommended that municipalities collect property tax and levy taxes on factories and other business establishments within their municipal boundaries.

It was suggested, however, that the central government be responsible for installing water mains, drainage and electricity due to the large costs involved.

Today's symposium celebrating Arab Cities Day, named by the Arab Cities Organisation. Fifteen Jordanian towns and cities are represented in the pan-Arab Kuwait-based organisation. The organisation has a development fund which started operating three months ago and it provides loans and trained experts to Arab cities to help carry out municipal projects.

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Thai-Jordanian aviation talks open

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA) — Talks opened here today between a Jordanian civil aviation delegation and a visiting Thai aviation team to increase the number of weekly flights between the two countries. An agreement to allow the Royal Jordanian Airlines to operate flights via Thailand to Japan and the Philippines will also be discussed. Jordan and Thailand concluded an aviation agreement in 1974 under which the two countries have been operating two weekly flights between Amman and Bangkok. The Thai aviation team arrived in Amman yesterday. Picture above shows the two teams at the opening of the discussions. Sharif Ghazi Rakan Nasser, the Director of Civil Aviation, is third from left. Alia Chairman Ali Ghandour faces the camera two seats further on.

An invasion that makes one proud

For someone who refers to history so often in pressing his claims, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has a peculiar ability to ignore the hard lessons of history when it comes to dealing with the Palestinian people. This is seen in the Israeli retaliatory invasion of south Lebanon, which presumably is Mr. Begin's way of trying to cut off the arm of the PLO, as he boasted he would do. The fact of history that stares Mr. Begin in the face -- and that he and his fellow Israelis refuse to acknowledge -- is that the PLO and the Palestinian resistance are not one-armed monsters that can be silenced by cutting off their arm. Rather, they are hydra-like, multi-headed organisms with too much life and too much defused vitality to be wiped away with one blow by Mr. Begin and his American weapons. It took the Americans about ten years to learn this fact with the Vietnamese people. Mr. Begin is in the midst of his learning process.

Unless Mr. Begin has three million airplanes and three million bombs to kill all three million Palestinians, whatever he tries to do in south Lebanon or anywhere else in an act of futility on the same scale and of the same kind as the hapless American attempt to beat the Vietnamese in Vietnam. And for Mr. Begin to direct his wrath at the PLO is similarly an exercise of hopelessness. The PLO is nothing but a symbol of an entire people's struggle for their rights. If Mr. Begin attacks the PLO, tomorrow there will be an ALO, and a BLO and a CLO and a DLO to take its place, and then an ELO and an FLO and a GLO, and as many combinations of letters and fighters as there are Palestinians alive in the world. If Mr. Begin cannot see this, he is destined to keep hunting down Palestinians for the rest of his life, and if he kills a Palestinian for every minute of his life, he will die with millions of Palestinians still alive to dance on his grave.

The Israeli attack on south Lebanon is a reflection of Israeli weakness, frustration and failure. If it takes all the American airplanes and tanks and ships of the Israeli armed forces and 25,000 soldiers to counter ten Palestinian men and one Palestinian woman guerrilla, then we think all Arabs and all Palestinians can look to this week's Israeli strike with a deep sense of pride. The lessons of Vietnam are being learned again in Palestine.

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Religious leaders take stand against Israeli practices in holy places

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — Christian and Moslem religious leaders in Jordan held a one-day conference here today to study illegal Israeli practices in the occupied holy places and Arab territories. At the end of the conference, a statement was issued stressing the need for strengthening national unity to face up to the Israeli acts of aggression on occupied Arab territory. The statement said leaders of both religions denounce any changes in the character of the holy places and of the Arab lands. They also denounce Israeli attempts to seize a mosque built over the tomb of the King David and measures to occupy buildings adjacent to the Aqsa Mosque and attempts to construct a new Wailing Wall. The religious leaders appealed to all nations to shoulder their historic responsibilities in the face of these illegal Israeli practices which threaten world peace. During the meeting, the religious leaders studied a report prepared by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs concerning the Israeli activities.

Pharmacists law amended

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — A royal decree was issued today approving an amendment to the law governing the practice of pharmacy. The amendment authorises the council of ministers to fix the rate of profits on all types of medicines. Another decree issued today approved a law for granting the title of specialist in dentistry. The new law requires dentists to produce certificates of specialisation approved by the Jordanian Dentists Association before they can hang copies of such certificates in their surgeries.

Loan expected from Kuwait fund

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — Jordan is to obtain a loan from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development to finance the expansion of the Al Hussein Thermal Power Station. The loan, totalling 5,900,000 Kuwaiti Dinars will be used for installing two new thermal generators each with a capacity of 66 megawatts, the purchase of cables, pylons and communication equipment linking the station with Amman. A royal decree was issued today empowering the government to ratify the agreement with the Kuwaiti fund.

Deadline set for TV licence fees

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — The Ministry of Finance has set the end of March as the deadline for payment of fees for television sets licences. An official source at the ministry said fines will be imposed on those who do not pay the fees by that date.

Social Security Fund operates at a profit

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — The Social Security Fund received JD 53,766 during the past two months, Ministry of Finance sources said today. Expenditure of the fund amounted to JD 36,138 during the same period.

Army officers graduate

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — A batch of army officers who have completed an advanced course in administration graduated today at the Royal Scientific Society. The course was conducted by professors from the University of Jordan, the Royal Scientific Society and the Institute of Public Administration.

Amman Municipality launches cleanliness campaign

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — A public awareness campaign began at Amman Municipality today as a preventive measure against contagious diseases. The municipality appealed to the public not to allow sewage water to contaminate clean water and not to throw garbage in the streets and public places.

Arab Potash Co. to extract magnesium from Dead Sea

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — The Arab Potash Company plans to exploit magnesium compounds in the Dead Sea, in the extraction of over 99 per cent pure magnesium oxide to be used in the production of heat resistant tiles for the construction of high temperature ovens, especially in the iron and steel industry or in cement factories. The company asked embassies of Arab and friendly countries to provide it with information about kinds of heat resistant tiles used in their industries and to cooperate with the company in implementing a programme for exploiting Dead Sea magnesium. The company is now starting to exploit potash and bromine in the Dead Sea.

Amman Governor opens scouts exhibit

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — Governor of Amman Ali Al Basheer opened the second exhibition held by the Mountain Lions Scouts at the Terra Sancta College here today.

Jordan to join in Milan International Fair

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — Jordan is to participate in the Milan International Fair which is due to open on April 14th. The council of ministers today appointed Mr. Nassim Al Faraj as head of the Jordanian pavilion.

Jordan to attend Arab Shipping Academy meet

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — Jordan will attend the meeting of administrative Board of the Arab Shipping Academy in Taif, Saudi Arabia, at the end of this month. During the ten-day meeting, subjects connected with the academy's development and training of its personnel will be discussed. Jordan will be represented by a delegation headed by Minister of Transport Ali Al Suheimat. Director of Aqaba Port Ahmad Fawzi Abu Nuwwar will be a member of the delegation.

Prince Hassan briefs youths on setbacks to development

AMMAN, March 15 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today addressed youth club representatives at Al Hussein Youth City on problems facing the development effort in Jordan.

Prince Hassan said that Jordan has built dams, the Prince said, carried out electricity and housing projects and extended health services to rural areas in order to ensure a balanced distribution of the population. He went on to say that the Israeli aggression has upset this trend, forcing great numbers to migrate, an event which created a number of economic and social problems.

On conditions in the West Bank, Prince Hassan pointed out that Israel has built 70 settlements in the West Bank of the Jordan. He said Israel has set apart over 1,000 square kms. for what is called Greater Jerusalem where 332,000 Arabs live surrounded by Israeli settlers. The total West Bank area is 5,000 square kms.

Prince Hassan also spoke about women's role in the development process and said that Amman will host the first conference on this subject within the next two months.

Business Grapevine

Freight movers

The first Direct Arab Air Cargo link between the United States and the Middle East is experiencing a "fantastic response" to B-747 service, reports Peter Sumner, Alia's Cargo Sales Manager for North America.

The Boeing 747-200 (Combi) which Alia operates on its eleven-hour non-stop flight from New York to Amman on Mondays and Thursdays can carry up to 90,000 pounds of freight in addition to the passengers. About 150,000 pounds a week of oil machinery parts, engine parts for transport, lubricants, hospital supplies, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, oils, fats, tobacco, fresh produce, frozen meat, drugs and many other items wing their way to Middle East customers aboard Alia's flights, says Mr. Sumner.

The response has been fantastic, he said of Alia's attempts to tap U.S. Middle East trade, which he calls "a potentially phenomenal market."

Many parts for oil drilling rigs for example, are flown by Alia to Amman then trucked overland to Arabian oil centres from Riyadh to Bahrain. The combination of direct international

service and excellent ground transportation means Alia covers the Middle East "like a blanket" says Mr. Sumner.

Another Bank opens its doors

Saturday sees the first branch of Amman's newest Bank, the Jordan-Gulf Bank, opening its doors in the New Insurance Building near Third Circle, Jabal Amman. That area is becoming quite a banking centre of the capital.

Also in the building are a branch of Jordan-Kuwait Bank and Bank Al Mashreq as well as the Administrative offices for Citibank, whose own branch is across the street in the An-nani building.

Round behind the British Embassy is the innocuous Head Office of the Bank of Jordan, while on the main street between the circle and Intercontinental Hotel is the Head Office and a branch of the Jordan National Bank.

Jordan-Gulf Bank is sixty per

cent owned by Jordanians with the balance held by leading businessmen from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Chairman of the new bank and acting General Manager is leading Jordanian businessman, Mohammad Nazzal Armonti.

The main branch of the new bank is under preparation downtown Amman near the central post office in the former premises of Amman Bookshop. Its administration is on Jabal Hu-

Stock Exchange picks up

Average daily trading on the Amman Financial Market increased 48.6 per cent in February over January, the first month of operation, according to figures just released by the administration of the market.

Daily trading for January averaged JD 5,681,074 and for February JD 7,999,739, average contract value for the month of January was JD 611,112 and for February 493,282. But the actual number of contracts rose in February to 373 over 251 in January.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded in JD	Opening price	Highest selling price	Lowest selling price	Closing price	Last buying bid	Last selling offer
* Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	275	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.050	1.000	1.100
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	68	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.150
* Dar Aldawa Investment and Development Co.	JD 1.000	588	1.250	1.300	1.300	1.300	1.250	—
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	151	12.500	12.600	12.600	12.600	12.500	—
Arab Aluminum Co.	JD 1.000	5,180	0.950	1.000	0.950	1.000	0.950	1.000
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	1,583	1.300	1.300	1.300	1.300	—	1.350
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	1,050	15.450	15.450	15.400	15.450	—	15.500
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	462	6.750	6.700	6.700	6.700	—	6.700
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	499	2.150	2.100	2.100	2.100	—	—

* 50 per cent of share capital paid.

* 75 per cent of share capital paid.

Total volume traded, Wednesday, March 15 : JD 9,854

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Developing states will demand bigger role in trade pact with EEC

BRUSSELS, March 15 (R). — The 53 developing countries linked to the European Common Market by the Lome Convention yesterday served notice they will demand a bigger role in making decisions when the trade and aid pact comes up for renegotiation in July.

Mr. P. J. Patterson, Jamaican Foreign Minister, said after a meeting between the 53 and the nine Common Market members that the 1975 accord was limited in the context of the new world economic order the developing world wants.

Mr. Patterson, Chairman of the group of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states, told a news conference they opposed linking the new convention to the respect of human rights in the countries receiving aid.

Mrs. Lise Oestergaard, Danish Chairman of the two-day ministerial meeting which ended last night, said talks on the new convention would formally begin on July 24.

But sources in the European Economic Community (EEC) said the real negotiations would begin on July 24.

Mr. Patterson said the successor to the Lome Convention, which runs until 1980, must take account of the progress, or lack of it, towards a new economic order.

A proposal put forward in the EEC's Executive Commission to link community aid to respect for human rights got debated this week, but the ACP states opposed the idea.

Mrs. Oestergaard, Danish Minister Without Portfolio, said the nine had not yet agreed on their negotiating position for the new pact, so they had no common stand on this question.

Stabex plan extension wanted

The Jamaican minister said the ACP countries want the community's Stabex system, devised to stabilise export earnings, to be extended to new commodities in the next pact including copper and phosphates.

Mrs. Oestergaard said the EEC will study demands made here to add five commodities, including tobacco, to the 19 covered under the system.

There was a dispute between the EEC and ACP about claims for Stabex payments sought by Gabon, Mali and Kenya.

An ACP envoy said a solution seemed to be emerging, but if the mediation of Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Oestergaard failed to solve it, ACP was ready to take it to arbitration.

The meeting did not formally discuss the pact negotiations but they were at the back of ministers' minds as they made their annual review of how the existing pact is working.

New York Concorde complaints decrease

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP). — Residents around New York's Kennedy International Airport are complaining less about the noise generated by the British-French supersonic Concorde aircraft, the Federal Aviation Administration reported yesterday.

The FAA said 122 complaints were received in February about Concorde operations at Kennedy, down from 248 in January and 349 in December.

The dropoff in complaints coincided with lower noise levels the plane produced in communities surrounding the airport, the agency said.

On its departures from the airport in February, the Concorde produced average perceived noise levels of 92.2 decibels at Howard Beach and 96.3 decibels at Bedell Harbor. In January, the plane produced an average takeoff noise level of 96.0 and 97.8 decibels at the two sites.

The levels are well within noise limits set by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the airport.

U.S.'s Blumenthal urges action to cut deficit

WASHINGTON, March 15 (R). — Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal yesterday called for vigorous action to cut the United States big trade deficit.

Testifying before a Senate Finance Subcommittee, he said the deficit, which totalled nearly \$27 billion in 1977, was a serious matter.

He told Finance Committee Chairman Russell Long in response to a question that to aid the U.S. currency, Congress should adopt President Carter's economic programme which includes a \$25 billion tax cut.

He also noted that the United States had entered into agreements with West Germany and other governments to prevent disorderly markets and was working with other nations to increase U.S. exports.

One reason for the trade imbalance was that the U.S. economy was growing faster than those of other nations and as a result America was importing more, he said.

Raft method for cultivating oysters works for Sierra Leone

The mangrove swamps near Freetown, Sierra Leone, have millions of wild oysters growing in them. But life for a wild oyster in a mangrove swamp is surprisingly stressful, and they don't grow very big. So the lucky ones, destined to grow big and fat, are taken away on a bamboo raft...

By Bob Stanley

LONDON, (F.T.) — Floating on the brackish waters of a tidal estuary just outside of Freetown, capital of Sierra Leone, is a raft made of bamboo and oil drums. Beneath the raft on dozens of strings hang several thousand young oysters. Along the coast are other, similar rafts, each carrying the same hidden cargo.

They are part of a project that could provide a valuable and much needed extra source of protein, not only for the people of Sierra Leone, but for many coastal nations of West Africa.

The Sierra Leone oyster culture project is being carried out by the Fisheries Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, with the support of the International Development Research Centre of Canada. Although the project began only 18 months ago, it is already beginning to produce significant results.

Why cultivate oysters?

Yet the first question that strikes a visitor, looking around the estuary, is "Why cultivate oysters? For the tidal estuaries here are surrounded by mangrove swamps, where millions of wild oysters grow.

Balanced astride the raft as it rolls gently on the incoming tide, Abu Kamara, senior fisheries officer with the ministry, explains: "Of course the oysters are abundant in the estuaries, but they are generally small and they cluster on the mangrove roots. They are small because they are crowded, and also because when they grow on the mangroves they are out of the water at low tide, for about eight hours a day. The lack of food, the stress of the heat and the crowding contribute to their small size."

"We hope that with the raft method which we developed in 1974, the oysters will grow rapidly. And the results so far are encouraging."

To most people in the Western world oysters are a luxury food. But there on the West African coast, as in parts of Asia and the Caribbean, they are an important protein source for the poor.

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"But most of the oysters that are harvested at the moment are wild oysters," says Abu Kamara. "The average size of the wild oyster meat is between one and two grams,

whereas the weight of the raft-grown oysters' meat is between four and five grams in nine months. The wild oysters, we don't know the age for sure, but it is not less than two years."

Future hopes

Once the technique is fully developed, Abu Kamara hopes the government will consider setting up oyster cooperatives, to raise oysters on a large scale. A single experimental raft at present appears capable of producing around 60 kilos (132 lbs) of oyster meat in six to nine months, and with a minimum of effort. "Once they have the rafts assembled, then all they have to do is lay them out and continue to do something else."

The raft design has been kept as simple as possible, making use of locally available materials — mainly bamboo poles and oil drums; a raft costs around 60 Leones (\$63). A few hundred shells are suspended from the strings beneath the raft, and provide an ideal surface on which

the oyster larvae, drifting in the water, can set and grow.

The main aim of the project at present is to locate suitable growing sites and study problems such as plankton distribution, fouling, predators and growth cycles. The idea is to avoid problems by picking ideal locations rather than developing costly methods of combatting them. Microscopic examination at regular intervals identifies the organisms setting on the surface of the shells.

Over the next two years the project will also conduct detailed productivity studies, examine the possible effects of pollution on the growth of oysters, and look at the ancillary aspects of oyster farming, such as improved processing, distribution and marketing.

Present problems

"At present," says Abu Kamara, "you can buy oysters in the market — depending on the season, the availability and the demand, but the meat is very expensive. Another reason why people are not utilising the oysters is because the methods of preparation are often not very hygienic. The oysters have to be steamed, frequently they are left exposed to the flies after they are shelled."

"If we are able to come up with a good successful method of raising and processing the oysters, I think it will contribute significantly to increasing the protein available in the country. When you raise oysters you have control, you know the amount you raise and what to expect provided other things are all favourable. Of course, you also have to sell them."

The project is also providing on-the-job training for researchers from countries that might be interested in oyster culture. "At a later stage," says Abu Kamara, "we may give seminars and talks, publish reports or actually visit the areas and talk to people about where to grow and how to grow oysters."

Some refugees are still bitter against the leftist officers who carried out the Portuguese revolution.

"They betrayed the colonies into the hands of the Soviet Union," said Joao Serejo, leader of a refugee pressure group. "They were in a hurry and followed their own Marxist ideas without consulting anyone. They have a lot to answer for."

A handful want to go back. The Angolan government is checking the backgrounds of 2,000 returned families who have applied for permission to re-enter the African state.

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Portuguese returnees thrive as new roots grow deeper

By Rob McCloughin

LISBON, Portugal (AP). — Three years ago Olimpio Alves was a prosperous oil executive in Angola. Driven out by civil war there, he arrived in Portugal a penniless refugee.

Now Mr. Alves has new prosperity as owner of a thriving supermarket, and he no longer yearns for Angola. "I have found a new life," he says.

Thousands of refugees from Portugal's former colonies in Africa and most recently Timor in Asia, desperate for jobs and homes when they reached Portugal, are recovering lost wealth. In the process, officials say, they are providing a significant stimulus to an economy hurt by under-production and unemployment.

The "returnados," Portuguese for returnees, were a heavy burden when they began arriving nearly three years ago. The Lisbon government spent vast amounts on emergency housing and food.

Government loans totaling the escudo equivalent of \$300 million helped give the refugees a new start. Mr. Alves' story is typical of many.

Mr. Alves, 42, fled with his wife and two adolescent sons from Luanda, the Angolan capital.

"It was very hard at first," he said. "We had to get out because of the civil war, and the communists, and there didn't seem to be anything for us in Portugal."

"Luckily, a friend had bought a bit of land outside Lisbon on the coast. There was a big empty building there and we decided to turn it into a supermarket together.

The newcomers, many of

them politically conservative, faced suspicion in Portugal, which was struggling to stabilise a center-left democracy following the 1974 revolution that ended Lisbon's colonial policy.

The poor and jobless of Portugal resented the aid given to the refugees and blamed them for a surge in crime.

But the refugees now are integrated, said Col. Antonio Goncalves Ribeiro, the High Commissioner for Refugees.

"When they came, it was a tremendous problem," he added. "But there has been a big change in their attitude."

"There is a new spirit among them. They know they have to rebuild their lives and those of their children. To do that, they have to help rebuild this country."

The settlers used government loans to start factories, construction firms, farms, bars, restaurants and hotels. When possible, they gave preference in contracts and hiring to other refugees.

Now employers say they prefer to hire "returnados."

"They're more reliable," a Labour Ministry official said.

"They work harder and longer and they don't go on strike. They know what it's like to have nothing."

The government plans to cut back support for refugees this year. It says their businesses are expanding too fast for the economy, which must be slowed down to keep imports in check.

The housing programme, the government says, has succeeded. Only 15,000 "returnados" still live at government expense in hotels and rooming houses, in contrast to the more than 70,000 a year ago.

Housing aid is being eliminated this month for more than 7,000 who, refugee officials say, have cost the government \$30 million during the past two years. Nearly 1,000 refugees who resisted ouster from several hotels around Lisbon had their food allotments cut off.

The cutbacks will still leave an estimated 40,000 "returnados" on relief lists. Many more unemployed former government workers in the old colonies are still on state employment rolls at half pay while they look for jobs.

Those still in refugee camps are living better. Rows of tents at a camp in a forest near Lisbon have been replaced by prefabricated houses, and television antennas sprout from some homes.

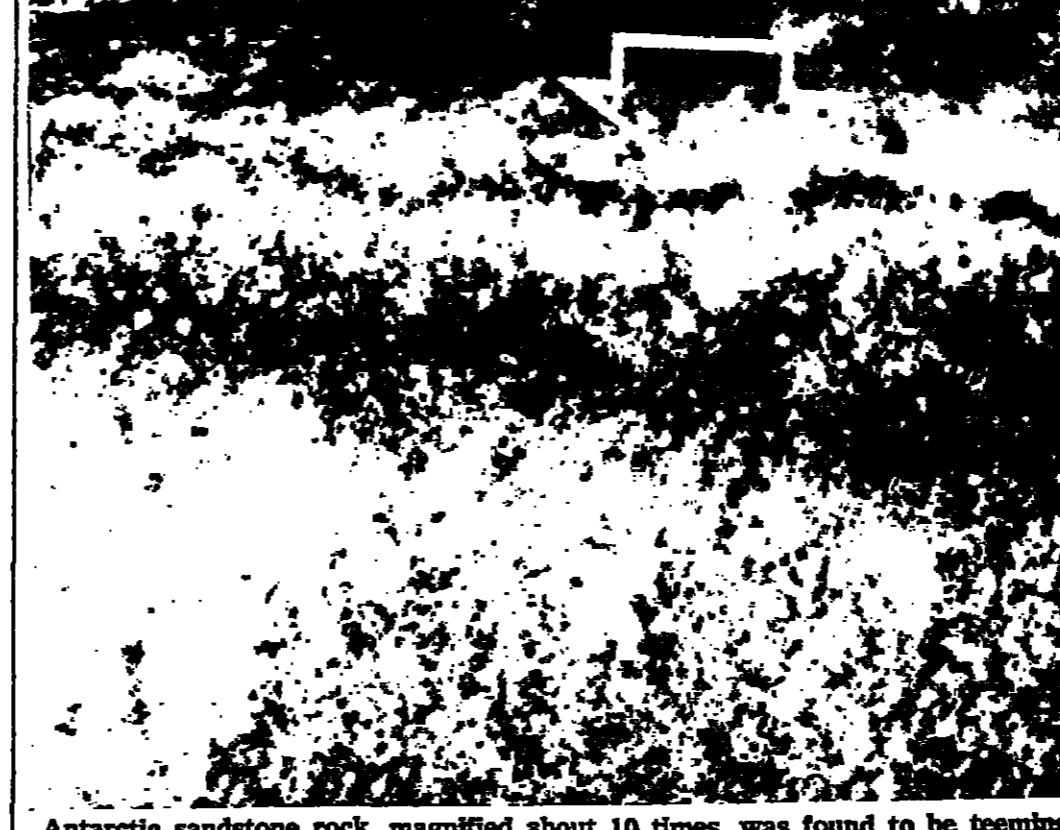
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Antarctic rocks show signs of life



Antarctic sandstone rock, magnified about 10 times, was found to be teeming with microbes, algae and fungi, when heated and broken open by a Florida State University research team. The living material, appearing as a dark line under the surface (arrow), was identified in rocks strewn over more than 100 locations in the frozen deserts of Antarctica. The discoveries have suggested to several scientists that the same kind of life may exist inside the rocks of a planet like Mars, where the climate closely resembles the dry valleys of the Antarctic. The two Viking spacecraft that landed on Mars could not break open and analyze their interiors. (IPS photo)

People in the News

Kissinger to be named head of soccer league

NEW YORK (AP). — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will be named chairman of the North American Soccer League, the New York Daily News reported in its Wednesday edition. Quoting from the first issue of the new soccer magazine, Soccer Express, the news reported that Mr. Kissinger will serve to enhance the credibility of the league, much as Pele did when he joined the Cosmos three years ago. Although neither Mr. Kissinger nor NASL Commissioner Phil Wissman would confirm or deny the story, it was reported that Mr. Kissinger was due in New York to talk with league owners about the international aspects of soccer.

Joe Frazier signs up for bout

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (AP). — Former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier will come out of retirement to sign a contract to fight Kalle Knoetze of South Africa, the Evening Bulletin reported yesterday. The fight will be held within six or seven weeks, possibly in Las Vegas, Nevada, the paper said. It would be Frazier's first fight since George Foreman sent him into retirement 22 months ago in a bout at the Nassau coliseum.

Prince Charles has no plans for marriage

BRASILIA, (R). — Prince Charles said he had no immediate plans to marry. Asked at a news conference in the Brazilian capital about the chances of an engagement announcement in 1978, the 29-year old heir to the British throne replied: "My public relations advisers tell me it will be a bad year. It is much more fun to keep speculation going for several more years, apart from that, if I did get married I would not be able to dance the samba like I did in Rio last week." The prince entertained 1,000 guests at a banquet last week when he joined a samba band parade and shimmied for five minutes alongside a scantily clad girl.

Mao's son reportedly fought for Russia

HONG KONG (AP). — Mao An-ying, eldest son of the late Chinese Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung, had fought along with Soviet troops in defending Leningrad during World War II, a Hong Kong communist newspaper reported yesterday. The Chinese-language Wen Wei Po said young Mao, who was killed during the Korean War in 1950, also fought side by side with Russian troops in Poland and other Eastern European countries. "For this, Stalin had received him and presented to him a pistol," the paper added. This was first time that young Mao was reported to have fought for the Russians.

KKK leader is handed deportation order

LONDON (AP). — Ku Klux Klan faction leader David Duke of New Orleans was served with a deportation order Monday night, Scotland Yard said. Mr. Duke, 27, evaded the police for a week after Home Secretary Merlin Rees said he should be deported. The yard said he was handed the order outside a pub called the Fox and Geese in Islington, northeast where he was being interviewed by the Daily Express. Duke ran out of the pub the officer chasing him. After a brief pursuit down a dark alley, the officer led Duke back and made him take the document, the Daily Express reporter said.

New oil-from-coal process is found

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP). — Scientists at a South African university have discovered a new method of extracting petroleum products from coal, a Johannesburg newspaper reported recently.

The Johannesburg Star said by the university's Institute for Petroleum and Chemical Research was the result of years of basic research. Work on a pilot plant began in 1974. The process was developed by the university's Institute for Petroleum and Chemical Research scientists have found a process that accelerates and short-circuits the existing oil-from-coal process and allows up to 70 per cent higher yield in fuel and by-products.

The method uses various "black products" including coal, tar and low quality brown coal, it continued. The process was developed by the university's Institute for Petroleum and Chemical Research scientists have found a process that accelerates and short-circuits the existing oil-from-coal process and allows up to 70 per cent higher yield in fuel and by-products.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: New ideas are all right to look into now but don't expect one in a position of influence to give you the backing you wish. Make sure you study every phase of a condition facing you.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) One to whom you are obligated can keep you from gaining a goal now, so postpone your plans until a better time.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Obtain the data you need from the right sources early in the day. Come to a better understanding with family members.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can gain an aim that is important to you, but it entails much work at this time. Put those unused talents to work.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can gain much now by conferring with one who is an expert in your field of endeavor. Sidestep a troublemaker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Listen to what a good friend has to divulge to you that can be helpful but don't enter into an agreement that could be detrimental to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take care of an important business matter early in the day for best results. Later contact good friends and plan social affairs wisely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You get a good idea that should be discussed with a higher-up, but don't let seeming disinterest discourage you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find a better system for carrying through with your work so that it is better and brings in greater income. Be logical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure you understand what is expected of you by allies and then carry through in a positive fashion. Be wise.

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Until Sicily is combed, current Italian police drive against the Mafia is useless

By Norris Willatt

ROME (PT) — Towards the end of February the Italian police dealt two heavy blows at their ancient adversary, the Mafia. Within the space of a few days they raided two meetings of "the family". This new round of the long battle is unlikely to have resulted in a knockout though, for the Mafia is not easily vanquished.

The police action was taken because it is well known in Italy that Mafiosi are heavily involved in the wave of kidnappings of prominent citizens and members of their families which is sweeping the country.

To deliver the first blow the police swooped on a villa in Legnano, a suburb of Milan, and arrested seven Mafia bosses who were gathered there for a summit meeting to appoint a new "godfather" to replace Ignazio Scelta who

the Mafiosi themselves had eliminated a few days earlier.

The second raid was in Rome. Here, the police rounded up eleven local bosses and their lieutenants who were suspected of kidnapping and other crimes. Warrants had been issued for 30 suspects in all, of whom four were already in jail. The remaining fifteen are on the run.

Reaction to kidnappings

This forceful action was no doubt inspired by public concern over the almost daily reports of kidnappings followed by the payment of huge ransoms. Such crimes, especially when they involve leading industrialists and other well-known persons who habitually travel with bodyguards, call for expert planning and execution. Only a close-knit clan like the Mafia, it is argued, could stage so many

kidnapping and succeed in most of them.

Moreover, the attraction of this kind of criminality is obvious: it yields quicker and bigger returns than more routine crimes, such as counterfeiting, drug smuggling, extortion, "protection", prostitution, and so on. The band whose members were arrested in Rome was said to have collected more than 4,000 million lire (about £2.5 million) in ransom money up to the time of their arrest.

Kidnapping in northern Italy has been equally lucrative. The raid in Legnano was aimed especially at catching one Gerlando Alberti, a Mafia boss in the Turin area who has been hiding from the police for several months. He is suspected of having master-minded the many kidnappings in that area, and in Milan, and of using the ransoms to finance drug trafficking.

Tipped-off

Alberti had been spotted by plainclothes policemen going to and from the villa where the summit took place. Uni-

formed police had been staked out in an adjacent flat, but on the night they swooped he was missing, probably as the result of a tip-off.

The police did however haul in another notable catch at Legnano -- John Richard Lo Voto, an American citizen now resident in New York, but of Italian origin. Lo Voto had arrived in Italy not many days before, and is thought to have presided over the gathering at Legnano.

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territory Scelta subsequently inherited. Nothing was ever proved, but now a new boss has deprived him of his inheritance and his life.

Whatever action the authorities take against the Mafia in Rome or Milan however, their pernicious influence throughout Italian society (and not only Italian society) will continue to exert itself as long as the headquarters in Sicily remains immune.

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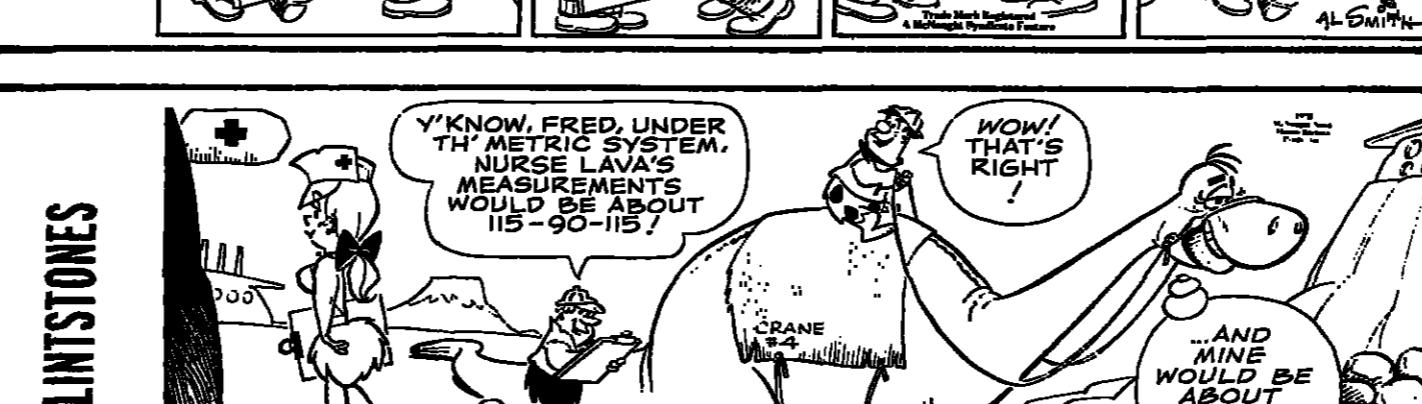
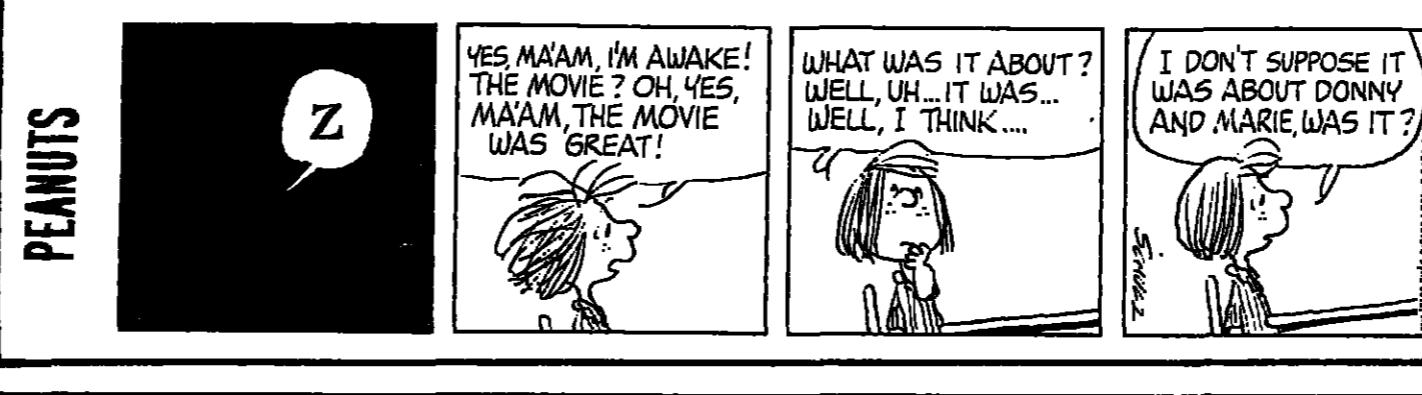
The Sicilian question

The local authorities fear a return to those "grudge years" now, with the evidence of a new violent rivalry for control of the Palermo underworld. This is said to be the result of an effort by younger lieutenants to oust the old guard of men like Scelta.

Against this background, the roundups in Milan and Rome may not be as effective as their planners hoped. They will get no information from the men they arrested, who won't even admit that an organisation such as the Mafia exists. As the saying goes, they "don't even admit having been born".

It will be difficult to find witnesses to testify against them, if only because of the fear of reprisals; a fear which must have been intensified by the evidence of the efficiency with which the Mafiosi arrange for the killing of people who interfere with them.

If it is difficult to fight the Mafia in cities like Rome and Milan, it is even more difficult in Palermo. There, it takes a brave policeman to arrest a suspected Mafia member, and an even braver magistrate to convict him. Yet only in Palermo could action be taken which would really threaten the Mafia empire.

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